THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTH DAY

Thursday, 23rd March, 1967

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Nine of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A., B.L.) in the Chair.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *RE*: PREVALENCE OF CHOLERA IN KOLAR GOLD FIELD AREA.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (K.G.F.).—Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Minister for Health and Housing to the prevalence of cholera in Kolar Gold Field Area.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Public Health and Housing).—I beg to make the following statement.

Some cases of cholera were reported from the Mysore Mining Area, K.G.F. from 17th February, 1967. These were treated at the Epidemic Diseases Hospital at K.G.F. They have been investigated by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, Mining Hospital, K.G.F. and the District Health and Family Planning Officer, Kolar. Prompt preventive measures have been instituted in the area. There were 4 attacks and no deaths till the end of 20th February, 1967. There was a lull from 20th February, 1967 to end of 28th February, 1967 when there were no cases.

There were 28 attacks and 4 deaths of which 27 attacks and 4 deaths were reported from the Mining area and 1 attack and nil death from Ashoknagar, Robertsonpet Civil Area, K.G.F. These cases are for the period from 17th February, 1967 to end of 13th March, 1967. There have been no cases of attacks or deaths due to cholera reported from the K.G.F. area from 14th March, 1967.

Special staff has been posted for taking prompt preventive measures for isolation of patients, disinfection of houses, inoculations of contacts and population, taking of stools and vomit samples for being sent to laboratory examination including prophylaxis. The Bethamangala water works which supplies water to K.G.F. area has been alerted and sufficient chlorination of water is being done.

(Sri K. Puttaswamy)

The public in general have been alerted by local authorities of the incidence with suitable advice not to use cut fruit, stale food etc. All the eating and catering establishments have also been alerted and kept under constant vigilance.

	Attacks.	*Deaths.*
Total Cholera cases reported from the K.G.F. area from 17th Febuary, 1967 to end of 17th March, 1967. ...	28	4
Reported from Mining Area K.G.F. ...	27	4
Reported from Robertsonpet Civil Area K.G.F. ...	1	–
Total ...	28	4

There are no cases of Cholera reported from 14th March, 1967 onwards.

Anti-cholera inoculations done upto date in Mining Area. ...	26,691
Robertsonpet in Civil Area.	25,236
Total anti-cholera inoculations done in K.G.F. Area. ...	51,927

The preventive measures are still under progress. Sufficient stocks of metarial *viz.*, A. C. Vaccine, Drugs, etc., are in sufficient stock at Kolar and K.G.F.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Speaker.—First of all, I have to apologise to the House for making members come so early at 9–00 A.M. The reason that has necessitated this is that there are a number of members who are desirous of participating in the Debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor for his address. I cannot reconcile both, that is, the time being taken by some members and others not having it and others demanding time and my not being able to find time and at the same time members thinking it something wrong to be called upon or requested to sit in the morning. Members may kindly take it that I am not anxious, and to meet so early is no pleasure to me. It is a severe strain on me also physically to sit continuously. Members are at liberty to go to the lounge and have a little relaxation, which I am not able to do. Now the question is how to co-ordinate the whole thing. I have been attempting to get at Sri S. Sivappa and Sri B. Bhasker Shetty. What shall we do now? I have got 14 names of the Opposition Members and 7 names from the Congress Party. What time would the Government require for reply ?